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FACT SHEET

Support to Demobilization and Reintegration Process

The United States support to the Demobilization and Reintegration Process (FY 2005-2007) includes the following activities:

SUPPORT FOR THE EFFECTIVE MONITORING AND LEGAL PROCESSING AND OF EX-COMBATANTS

Technical assistance, logistical and administrative support will be given to the Government of Colombia Reference and Opportunities Centers (CROs) and the Tracking, Monitoring and Evaluation System (SAME). The SAME is designed to track ex-combatants and follow their reintegration process. The SAME is managed by the Office of the High Commissioner for Reintegration (ACR), and collects and analyzes data on ex-combatant beneficiaries as they move through the different components of the Program. CROs are the physical location where the Reincorporation Program meets with adult ex-combatants to provide benefits and track their progress. Current plans call for 29 regional CROs including satellite offices to be established in areas where ex-combatants are anticipated to concentrate in large numbers.

Technical assistance, logistical and administrative support will also be provided to the Office of the Attorney General, the National Prosecutor's Office, the National Public Defense System and the High Council of the Judiciary for the effective implementation of Laws 782 and 975. The U.S. will also strengthen the Office of the Inspector General and the Ombudsman to ensure oversight of the demobilization and reintegration process. Additional institutional strengthening support will be provided to the Office of the High Commissioner for Reintegration.

SUPPORT TO THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES (OAS) MONITORING AND VERIFICATION MISSION

United States' support to the OAS has focused on the verification of the disarmament, demobilization and reincorporation processes. The U.S. now plans to support 1) verification of pre and post-demobilizations such as assessing the security situation of ex-combatants and of areas where demobilizations occur, as well as verifying the effective dismantlement of demobilized units; 2) monitoring of the Justice and Peace Law; 3) support to communities and the design of confidence building measures; and 4) monitoring reintegration to ensure that participants are complying with the requirements for entitlement and monitoring of the Government of Colombia's socioeconomic commitments.

REPARATIONS AND RECONCILIATION TO VICTIMS

The United States will promote reconciliation and reparations to victims of conflict through support to the National Reparation and Reconciliation Commission. U.S. support to the Commission includes: 1) design of a victims reparations fund; 2) design of a victims database and asset identification database in order to monitor reparations; 3) support for the regulatory framework for implementing reparations and 4) pilot reparations projects.

REINTEGRATION OF ADULT EX-COMBATANTS

Financial and technical assistance will be provided to create legitimate socioeconomic opportunities for adult ex-combatants through: 1) support for public and private alliances for education, vocational training and job creation; 2) local and departmental community development projects.

SUPPORT TO CHILD EX-COMBATANTS

The United States will continue and expand current support for child ex-combatants along with the Colombian Institute for Family Welfare (ICBF). Activities include: 1) technical assistance to the ICBF; 2) support to attention facilities; 3) promotion of family and community reintegration; 3) consolidation of a legal framework for the protection of child ex-combatants; 4) implementation of recruitment strategies and the development of a national strategy for prevention of child recruitment.